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New Class Helps Government Leaders Avoid Financial Pitfalls, Prioritize Debt Management

ATLANTA – Bad debt choices can affect the fiscal health of a jurisdiction for generations. Take Puerto Rico: It has amassed a \$72 billion debt, and all signs point to a massive default. In Jefferson County, Ala., officials borrowed billions to repair and build sewers only to end up in bankruptcy. These cases, and others, underscore the need for savvy debt management, one of the most important tasks in public finance.

At the [Center for State and Local Finance](#) (CSLF), experts have designed a new executive education course that will help your government or agency avoid financial pitfalls surrounding debt. CSLF instructors will give you the tools to deepen your knowledge of the debt process, avoid legal risks, and keep the public's trust. You will leave class with strategies and best practices to create *and* execute solid debt management policies.

The executive education program draws on world-class faculty and experts from the [Andrew Young School of Policy Studies](#), which is one of the top-ranked programs in the nation in public finance and budgeting. [Bart Hildreth](#), a member of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, is the lead faculty for the debt course. Guest speakers working in debt issuance will be on hand for class discussions and networking, and an expert panel of veteran practitioners will critique final projects.

The three-day course also covers key content tested by the Government Finance Officer Association's debt management exam, one of the five exams required for the CPFO certification. Participants can earn up to 24 CPE credits (20 in finance and four in business law) for this course through the [National Association of State Boards of Accountancy](#) (NASBA). As a bonus, CSLF is offering a 30 percent tuition discount to all public sector employees who register.

The debt course takes place Sept. 16-18, and registration is open until Sept. 9. Class size is limited! Register early. For more information, visit CSLF's website at cslf.gsu.edu/training, or contact the center at cslf@gsu.edu or 404-413-0427.

About the Center for State and Local Finance

The Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF) builds on the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' reputation in scholarship and education in public finance. CSLF's mission is to develop the people and ideas for next generation public finance.

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